

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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TERRELL DESHON KEMP, SR., Plaintiff,  
v.  
LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE  
DEPARTMENT, et al., Defendants.

Case No. 2:18-cv-00169-RFB-PAL

## ORDER

(Mot. Ext. Time Serve – ECF No. 10)

12 This matter is before the court on pro se Plaintiff Terrell Deshon Kemp, Sr.'s Motion for  
13 Extending Time to File Service of Process by U.S. Marshal (ECF No. 10). This Motion is referred  
14 to the undersigned pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A) and LR IB 1-3 of the Local Rules of  
15 Practice.

16 Mr. Kemp was a pretrial detainee in the custody of the Clark County Detention Center  
17 when this case was filed. On September 11, 2018 he filed a notice of change of address (ECF No.  
18 11) indicating he is currently incarcerated at High Desert State Prison. He received permission to  
19 proceed in this action in forma pauperis (“IFP”). Screening Order (ECF No. 7). His current motion  
20 asks the court for an extension of 90 days to serve the defendants.

21 Rule 4(m) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure states that a defendant must be served  
22 within 90 days. However, Rule 4(m) requires the court to extend the time for service if a plaintiff  
23 shows “good cause.” Courts must apply considerable leeway when assessing whether a pro se  
24 plaintiff has shown good cause, “especially when that litigant is incarcerated.” *McGuckin v. Smith*,  
25 974 F.2d 1050, 1058 (9th Cir. 1992), *overruled on other grounds by WMX Techs., Inc. v. Miller*,  
26 104 F.3d 1133 (9th Cir. 1997). In cases involving an indigent plaintiff, the U.S. Marshal Service  
27 (“USM”) will serve the summons and the complaint upon order of the court. Fed. R. Civ. P.  
28 4(c)(3); 28 U.S.C. § 1915(d). But the plaintiff is still responsible for providing the USM with

1 information necessary to locate each defendant to be served. *See Walker v. Sumner*, 14 F.3d 1415,  
2 1422 (9th Cir. 1994), *abrogated on other grounds*, *Sandin v. Conner*, 515 U.S. 472 (1995).

3 At the time the motion was filed Mr. Kemp indicated that he would soon be transferred to  
4 the custody of the Nevada Department of Corrections at High Desert State Prison. He will have  
5 no access to the law library for at least 30–40 days after the transition. Thus, he requests an  
6 extension to serve the defendants. Plaintiff has shown good cause to extend the time for service,  
7 and the court therefore extends the deadline to accomplish service until **January 4, 2019**. The  
8 court will not impose a specific deadline for Plaintiff to provide the USM-285 forms to the USM;  
9 however, Plaintiff is advised that the USM must be given at least 14 working days for service.  
10 Plaintiff's failure to comply with this Order by serving defendants by January 18, 2019, may result  
11 in a recommendation to the district judge that this case or unserved defendant(s) be dismissed  
12 without prejudice.

13 For good cause appearing,

14 **IT IS ORDERED:**

15 1. Plaintiff Terrell Deshon Kemp, Sr.'s Motion for Extending Time to File Service of  
16 Process by U.S. Marshal (ECF No. 10) is **GRANTED**.

17 2. Pursuant to Rule 4(m) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the deadline to  
18 accomplish service is extended until **January 4, 2019**.

19 3. All other instructions stated in the Screening Order (ECF No. 7) remain in effect.

20 4. Plaintiff must comply with this Order by accomplishing service by **January 4, 2019**,  
21 and his failure to complete service by that deadline may result in a recommendation to  
22 the district judge that this case or unserved defendant(s) be dismissed without prejudice.

23 Dated this 12th day of September, 2018.

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26 PEGGY A. TEES  
27 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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